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GASTROINTESTINAL TISSUE FOLDS

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98, Applicants submit for consideration in the above-captioned application the documents listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08a/b. Copies of foreign documents and non-patent literature are submitted herewith. The Examiner is requested to make these documents of record.

Applicants wish to bring to the Examiner's attention, related applications and patents commonly assigned to the assignee of the present invention:

10/346,709 filed January 15, 2003, now U.S. Patent No. 7637905

10/458,060 filed June 9, 2003

10/797,485 filed March 9, 2004

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10/990,453 filed November 16, 2004
10/991,118 filed November 16, 2004, now U.S. Patent No. 7918845
10/990,559 filed November 16, 2004
10/288,619 filed November 4, 2002, now U.S. Patent No. 7160312
10/734,547 filed December 12, 2003, now U.S. Patent No. 7744613
10/735,030 filed December 12, 2003
10/992,306 filed November 17, 2004, now U.S. Patent No. 7704264
10/994,101 filed November 18, 2004
12/767,731 filed April 26, 2010
10/173,203 filed June 13, 2002, now U.S. Patent No. 7128708
10/173,220 filed June 13, 2002, now U.S. Patent No. 6783491
10/173,227 filed June 13, 2002, now U.S. Patent No. 6790173
10/173,238 filed June 13, 2002, now U.S. Patent No. 6837847

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